

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Alfred Buckneberg and Ruth Olson exchanged their wedding vows on July 19, 1944, at Camp Maxey Army Base near Paris, Texas, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Alfred and Ruth gave life and love to six children: Dennis, Barbara, Margie, Paul, Marvin, and Jerry who further blessed their lives with 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ruth received her registered nurse training at Sioux Valley Hospital and worked in Marshall, Minnesota, until Alfred returned from military service and duty in the Pacific Theater; and,

Whereas, Alfred's desire to work the land and return to his agricultural heritage resulted in the purchase of a ranch near Black Hawk, South Dakota, and they later returned to eastern South Dakota to farm with his father and brother south of Centerville, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Alfred and Ruth were well known for raising top quality beef cattle and a quality farming operation, Ruth continued her nursing career at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg, and following retirement, they moved to a home in Centerville; and,

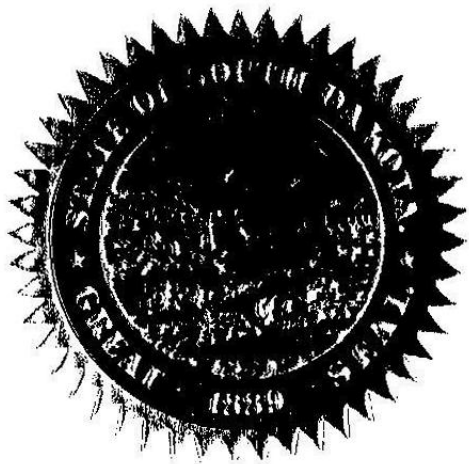
Whereas, Alfred and Ruth have been active leaders in the Komstad Covenant Church in rural Clay County, and have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Alfred and Ruth's family will join them on July 19, 2009, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of a devoted couple who has shared life's beauty and sorrow and has grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2009, as

ALFRED AND RUTH BUCKNEBERG DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State